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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT: Daily Log.

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[] reports that the debriefing of the five man Albanian PSYCH team that exfiltrated into Greece on 25 July would indicate that one of our lost teams may have been exterminated by security forces on or about 20 June. Three team members were reported killed, while the fourth member, a W/T operator took poison after fighting alone for three hours. The debriefed team, whose mission generally was accomplished, reported that police, special pursuit detachments, security forces and armed civilians are joining forces in search of "reactionary teams", indicating that future infiltrations are likely to become even more difficult than in the past. (SGAA 5418; dtd 3 August 1953).

The SE [] reports that he is interrogating at length a recent refugee from Albania regarding the latter's claim that he represents the leader of a 35,000 man resistance organization in Albania, presently under Yugoslav sponsorship, and that he is desirous of turning his assets over to the U. S. The refugee also claims that the President of the Albanian National Assembly and the Minister of Finance are among the contacts of the net. Both have been described previously by other sources as being Titoists. ([] 6416, IN 11642, dtd 19 August; [] 415, IN 11091, dtd 17 August.)

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